

V. Heanor's COLUMN

Local Owners of Havre de Grace Track to Dispose of Their Holdings to Maryland Horsemen.

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THE Havre de Grace race track, one of the most popular of the Maryland Circuit, owned by Eddie Burke, the former bookmaker, and several other New Yorkers, will shortly be taken over by the Maryland members of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association of America, unless plans under way suddenly go wrong. By the time the fall meeting comes around the track will be conducted solely by Marylanders interested in the turf.

For some time this Maryland branch of the Horsemen's Association, composed of well known owners and trainers, have had an option on the Havre de Grace track, which was due to expire on July 1. Recently it was decided to take up the option on a \$150 a share basis, and an agreement is said to have been reached.

Eddie Burke and his associates bought the property for the track years ago, after the crusher was put on the betting end of the sport here by Bow Hughes. They got it cheap, and erected a pretty race course, which soon became popular with fall and spring racegoers. When pari-mutuel betting came into vogue in Maryland, Burke and his partners began to realize on their investment, and for years since have made plenty of money. The property also has increased greatly in value, so that a handsome profit should be forthcoming on its sale to the Marylanders.

BERNSTEIN believes that Sgt. Augie Ratner of the A. E. F. would-to-day be the well-remembered champion of England but for the English method of deciding fights on points. Ratner recently fought Johnny Basham, the English champion, and after twenty rounds the referee called the bout a draw. Ratner, straightaway called Bernstein, that he had been given a raw deal, and that after being compelled to weigh in at 150 pounds, several matches below his normal poundage, Ratner is at the aggressive body punching style of fighter and against a boxer of Basham's type can understand how he became the victim of the "point" system by which English referees arrive at their decisions. However, Augie received \$2,000 for his work, the same as Basham's end, and it shouldn't be hard to take "raw deals" at that price.

JAMES BUTLER has another new trainer for his thoroughbreds this year. This is his third since old Dick Benson made such a success with the popular merchant's string in 1914. Jack McCormack succeeded Benson, and Johnny Whalen followed him. Now Dick Miller has assumed the job, and from the present outlook will make good. Miller is one of the most capable of the old school of trainers. He developed Afroco and made him champion, and in 1914 he won both the Faunbrook and the Excelsior Handicaps with Sand March. The Turk and Knight Errant, the sire of Roamer, were other developments of Miller.

SAMMY HARRIS, matchmaker of the American A. A. of Baltimore, Md., to-day wired Sammy Goldman, manager of Bantam-weight champion Pete Herman, an offer of \$5,000 for Herman to meet Joe Lynch, the international boxing sensation, in a twenty-round bout to a referee's decision, any date suitable to the match.

In order to secure Herman's signature to a set of articles, Eddie Mead, manager of Lynch, says he will present Herman with a \$1,000 bonus the moment Herman signs.

A twenty-round event between the champion and Lynch would be one of the biggest bantam attractions staged in years.

Lynch is a big card in the Oriole City, largely because of his knockout over Kid Williams, the Baltimore favorite and ex-champion.

THEY must be side-stepping Lynch, the lad who won a twenty-round decision over Tommy Noble, the English bantam champion, and who was credited by the English press with having whipped Jimmy Wilde, although the referee's decision went against him. Owing to the fact that Kid Wolfe of Cleveland failed to post his forfeit for weight to box Lynch in Baltimore on July 4, Matchmaker Harris of the American A. A. has called off the match.

Eddie Mead, manager of Lynch, who is a legitimate bantam, first wanted the weight to be 118 pounds, which, but later agreed to let Wolfe go on at 120 at 4 o'clock. Wolfe couldn't even make this weight, so the match was declared off.

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TALK WITH CADDIES INDICATES WAY GAME IS GOING

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Quinn Blanks Athletics, While Peck Keeps Up His Batting Rampage

Once Great Team From Philadelphia Easy Picking for the League Leaders.

By Bozeman Bulger.

A SIDE from winning the ball game and doing another giant swing on the top rung of the league ladder, episodes of excitement were meagre at the Polo Grounds in the second defeat of the Athletics. While these Athletics, mere reminders of former greatness, furnish nice pasturage for feeding ball clubs, they are as colorless as rainwater—the national beverage beginning next Wednesday.

Jack Quinn had a pleasant afternoon, pitching a shut-out game without getting up a sweat. Our champion hitter, M. Roger Peckinpaugh maintained his greatness by making two hits out of three technical trips to the plate. He made two other untechnical trips, but one of those resulted in a base on balls and the other in a sacrifice hit, which do not count against his anti-Ty Cobb record.

The Yanks smashed the two Athletic pitchers for twelve hits and nine runs. All of which goes to show the hugeness of the Philadelphia team, and its nicely toward a pennant. Their only disturbing thought is whether to pull for Cleveland or Chicago in the battle going on out West.

Col. Huston, by bringing all his engineering knowledge into play, following a conference with Munro Elias, Bill Sizemore and other noted statisticians, has given me a blue print idea of how the Yanks can win the pennant. It is a treatise on chances. Here is the idea: The Yanks have several more games against weak clubs at the Polo Grounds while the Cleveland and Chicago outfits are fighting each other. When these adversaries are through with that kind of fighting they also have to tackle other strong clubs in the West, while our going should be soft. This, the Colonel figures, should give Higgins a very big lead before the Yanks start on a hike which will take the greater part of a month. If they build enough lead, which they will certainly need, to carry them through the Western whirl, they should then be in position to win the pennant. There should be no difficulty in them holding their own if they return at the top. The White Sox and Indians will then be on a long road trip and up against their hardest grind of the year. In other words, now is the time to build up the surplus. It is an error in the element of chance and schedule that should last all season, everything else breaking even.

Somehow that sounds as simple and plausible as the argument of a gentleman who tried to sell me a set of books, but—well, do you understand it?

Had it not been for the ninth inning this column was all ready to announce that Jack Quinn allowed but one runner to reach second base, and that was on a steal. Unhappily, though, the Athletics got a free walk, a hit and a stolen base in the last round, and one runner, Witt, reached third.

TO-DAY—Junior Metropolitan Championship at Bixway, Mt. Vernon. Final rounds.

Intercollegiate Championships at Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia. Second day.

Women's Club Championship at Plainfield, N. J. Second match play round.

TO-MORROW—Annual Apawamunc Club Invitation tournament, Rye, N. Y. Qualifying rounds.

The last place in the championship eight, and on the play-off McMahon won. Later, however, the Sleepy Hollow lad was beaten by Tobin at 6 up and to play.

The youngest player in the tournament, open to those of nineteen years and under, was Charles Sumner, a youth of thirteen. He needed an even hundred for the round, which placed him in the third division, and he won his first round match against W. L. Simmons at 2 up and 1 to play.

Mrs. William Chivers of the Dunwoody Golf Club captured chief honors in the last of the women's one-day tournament held at the Bixway Golf and Country Club links at White Plains. She went around in the low grand score of 32, which, aided by five-stroke handicap, was reduced to 27, which captured the low net score prize of the day.

"Chick" Evans Jr., former national open and amateur golf champion, and D. E. Sawyer, both of Chicago, defeated Oswald Kirkby, Englewood, N. J., and Gardner White, New York, in the second of a series of matches at Toronto for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross. The score was 2 up and 1 to go. The best card turned in was a 73 by Evans.

Nelson Whitney, New Orleans, and Ellis Knowles, Pensacola, Fla., tied for low medal scores in the qualifying round of the championship tournament at New Orleans of the Southern Golf Association, both men turning in cards of 76. Bobby Jones Jr., present champion, had the third lowest score at 77. Perry Adair's card was 78.

DOGGERS HITTING IN 2D GAME GIVES THEM EVEN BREAK

Giants, However, Roughly Treat Three Brooklyn Twirlers in Opener.

By Richard Freyer.

EIGHTEEN hits in the second game enabled the Dodgers to break even in the double header with the Giants at Ebbets Field. The games were the first since both teams came back from their trip around the circuit and a record crowd of fans greeted the players.

In the first contest Fred Toney was on the mound for the visitors and he outpitched three Brooklyn twirlers, Cadore, Cheney and Smith. He was assisted in able manner by his brother members, who sent four runs across the plate, two more than the Dodgers. Toney was in good form. His fast one was a mystery to the home players and his underhand ball was baffling.

The sunset affair was very different. At the beginning umpires Harrison and Byron did their good dermand to make the Giants winner, but the Brooklyn ball tossers rose on their hind legs and smote the offerings of Jess Barnes all over Mr. Ebbets' ball field for a total of nine runs. Harrison was officiating behind the plate and in the second inning he called Hy Myers out when the Dodger, from all appearances, was as safe as a Liberty Bond. Byron evidently wanted the fans to know he was also in the game when in the third stanza he called Hal Chase safe at third after the Giant first sacker had been tagged out by Malone before he touched the bag. 'Twas a raw decision and the fans objected vociferously.

The games were featured by all sorts of phenomenal plays. Pictcher, who shortstops for McGraw, made some wonderful one-hand stops of hard hit grounders and was easily the fielding hero of the pastime. Tommie Griffith, right fielder for the home team, backed up to right field fence in the first game and made a great catch of Young's hard hit smash. He had to check himself as he reached the fence, and turning around grabbed the ball in his gloved hand.

Jimmie Johnston covered second for the Dodgers, and while he did not show to advantage at the bat the player made himself solid with the fans by his handling of ground balls. Jimmie accepted eighteen chances without an error, and played the bag like a veteran.

Clarence Mitchell was Brooklyn's winning pitcher. He twirled in good style and allowed the Giants but five hits and three runs. In the first game Mitchell batted for Cadore in the fifth inning and slammed the pill over right field wall for the circuit. He was charged with three times at bat in the game he won and secured two more hits for himself.

Griffith was the batting hero of this contest. The Dodger out-fielder went to the plate five times and secured a safe swing on all the trips, a home run, one double and three singles. The circuit clout came in the eighth inning with the bases clogged, and was a tremendous blow to Centre field. On this waller Tommie travelled around the bases faster than a Fiji islander dances—which is going some—but he breezed in with plenty to spare.

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GOLFERS TIE WITH 76 IN QUALIFYING ROUND.

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	P.	Club.	W.	L.	P.
New York	24	17	461	St. Louis	23	28	442
Cincinnati	22	29	411	Philadelphia	17	31	354
Pittsburgh	20	28	388	St. Louis	17	32	347
Chicago	20	28	378	Boston	17	32	347

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New York at Brooklyn, 2 (first game).

Baltimore at New York, 2 (second game).

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Boston at Philadelphia, 2 (first game).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	P.	Club.	W.	L.	P.
New York	21	18	390	St. Louis	24	28	440
Cleveland	23	18	447	Boston	21	28	427
Chicago	22	28	441	Philadelphia	18	31	388
Detroit	22	28	440	Philadelphia	18	31	371

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New York at Philadelphia, 2.

Boston at Washington, 2.

Detroit at St. Louis, 4.

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RACING AT AQUEDUCT TOMORROW \$2000 UNION STAKES ROSENBERG HANDICAP 3 MILE STEEPCHASE AND 3 OTHER HIGH CLASS CONTESTS FIRST RACE AT 2:30 P. M. SPECIAL RACE TRAINING leave Penn. Station, 3:34 P. M. and 7th Ave. also from Flatbush Ave. Brooklyn, 4:15 P. M. and 10th Ave. and 11th Ave. and 12th Ave. and 13th Ave. and 14th Ave. and 15th Ave. and 16th Ave. and 17th Ave. and 18th Ave. and 19th Ave. and 20th Ave. and 21st Ave. and 22nd Ave. and 23rd Ave. and 24th Ave. and 25th Ave. and 26th Ave. and 27th Ave. and 28th Ave. and 29th Ave. and 30th Ave. and 31st Ave. and 32nd Ave. and 33rd Ave. and 34th Ave. and 35th Ave. and 36th Ave. and 37th Ave. and 38th Ave. and 39th Ave. and 40th Ave. and 41st Ave. and 42nd Ave. and 43rd Ave. and 44th Ave. and 45th Ave. and 46th Ave. and 47th Ave. and 48th Ave. and 49th Ave. and 50th Ave. and 51st Ave. and 52nd Ave. and 53rd Ave. and 54th Ave. and 55th Ave. and 56th Ave. and 57th Ave. and 58th Ave. and 59th Ave. and 60th Ave. and 61st Ave. and 62nd Ave. and 63